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In re Patent Application of:
Richard Melker et al.

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Ser. No. 08/516,478 under
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.
patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, before line 1, please insert --This application is a continuation of
application Ser. No. 08/516,478 filed on August 17, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. ____,
which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-36.

Please add claims 37-89 as follows:

--37. A method of operating a ventilator, comprising the steps of: